

**Formation of District-level  
Infrastructure Assessment  
Committees for prisons.**

**Home Department**  
**Government Resolution No. JLM-0224/CR No.37/Prison-2**  
Madam Cama Marg, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Mantralaya,  
Mumbai – 400 032.  
Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024.

**Reference:-** Hon. Supreme court order dated 30.01.2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No.406/2013

**Introduction-**

The Hon. Supreme Court of India directed in Writ Petition (Civil) No.406/2013 vide order dated 30.01.2024, that district-level committees should be constituted to assess the infrastructure requirement of prisons.

**Government Resolution :-**

Pursuant to the above directions, District-level Committees are constituted with the following composition.

1.	Principal/District Judge (Chairperson, the District Legal Services Authority)	Chairman
2.	District Magistrate	Member
3.	Commissioner of Police or his representative	Member
4.	Superintendent of Police	Member
5.	Superintendent(s) of Prison	Member
6.	Secretary, the District Legal Services Authority	Convenor

**The terms of reference of these Committees are:-**

- a) To assess the available infrastructure in prisons and recommend to the State Government regarding the number of additional prisons to be constructed in the District;
- b) To assess the current capacity of the existing prisons and requirement to construct more prisons or enhance the capacity of existing prisons to meet the standards laid down in the Model Prison Manual, 2016.
- c) To examine the requirement of acquiring land to set up new prisons depending on the current capacity, occupancy and future demands of the District and come up with firm proposals.
- d) The Committees will keep itself updated regarding the status of all the ongoing projects/ proposals that are pending in the District and ensure that milestones are set down for completing the ongoing projects. Wherever a project is yet to take off for want of land, steps will be taken to identify the land to be acquired and the report will be tabled before the Chief Secretary for obtaining necessary approvals and fast tracking the process.

- e) To assess the requirement of use of Artificial Intelligence and introducing video conferencing for conducting e-mulakaats, appearance before court and tele-medicine facilities for the ease of inmates.
- f) The Committees are permitted to examine the needs of the respective Districts and make proposals over and above of those that have been laid down in the Model Prison Manual. However the minimum requirements prescribed under the said manual shall not be compromised. Future projections shall take into consideration the requirement of infrastructure for the next 50 years at least.

These Committees shall convene the first meeting within two weeks from the date of their constitution.

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By order and in the name of Governor of Maharashtra.

**( Vinayak S.Chavan )**  
**Deputy Secretary, Home Department**

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